



By his Excellency the Lord General  
AND THE  
Council of State.



Whereas Information is given that severall persons disaffected to the Peace of this Common-wealth, upon occasion of the present change of Government, do assemble together in a riotous and tumultuous manner in the great Level of the Fens, and contrary to the Law in that case provided, throw in Inclosures, and by violence and force dispossess the Adventurers for Dreining the said great Level, who in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, have been establisht in the possession of severall proportions of Land allotted to them in recompence of their said undertaking: Which his said Excellency, and Council of State, taking into consideration, and how illegal and prejudicial to the peace of this Nation such proceedings are, have held themselves obliged streightly to forbid (as they do hereby) all such unlawfull Assemblies, and riotous Actings for the future.

And to the end that all pretences may be taken away from the said persons, The Council hath appointed uninterested persons of the severall Counties wherein the Level lies, to be Commissioners, to be Resident from time to time upon the place, to hear and determine in a short and easie way, particular Complaints and Grievances in reference to the Dreining of the great Level, to whom all such persons may in a peaceable manner make their application, and have right done unto them; And therefore if any Persons whatsoever shall hereafter continue the aforesaid force and violence, or disturb the said Adventurers, or their Agents, in their possession, or proceeding in the works of Dreining, according to the said Act of Parliament, or otherwise demean themselves in any riotous, disorderly, or tumultuous manner, they are to be lookt upon as disturbers of the publick Peace, and be proceeded against accordingly; And all Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables, and other Magistrates and Officers both Civil and Military, are hereby required to be very carefull and vigilant in the premises, and if any thing be done contrary hereunto, they are to be aiding and assisting to bring the Offenders to punishment.

Wednesday June 29. 1653. At the Council of State at White-Hall; Ordered, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.

John Thurloe Secr.



